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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 1, 2003, Applicants submit herewith a copy of a United Kingdom Search Report from the United Kingdom Patent Office that was mailed on January 22, 2004, with respect to counterpart application No. GB 0319811, in which the United Kingdom Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 3,622,242 to LAND et al., which issued on November 23, 1971;

United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 1,234,330, which was published on June 3, 1971;

United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 0,724,624, which was published on February 23, 1955;

U.S. Patent No. 5,504,547 to MIZUKAWA, which issued on April 2, 1996; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H07-0114062, which published on May 2, 1995, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

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The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the United Kingdom Examiner applying United Kingdom rules to the United Kingdom claims are set forth in the United Kingdom Search Report.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the European patents, along with a copy of the United Kingdom Search Report are enclosed herewith, and all of the documents have been listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the Merits has not issued in the instant application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Should the Examiner have any further questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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